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Contemporary Minimalist Spaces



The family from New York City purchased a new house in Greenwich, CT in order to give the kids more outdoors space. The house, somewhat generic, needed to be gutted and renovated and also personalized. The mother, an art advisor and collector, needed lots of wall space for her diverse art collection. She uses art to share her point of view, which also animates the family. She describes the emotions of the room with art, for example, the happy monkey is in her little boy's room. The neon art in the hallway off of the entry, states, "please do not touch the art work." In the kitchen hangs the huge "Nutella" painting; if this doesn't make you hungry, what will?

The art work was curated by the client and De-Spec to provide layered visual interest as one moves through the house. The kids' rooms are primarily neutral, but each child was allowed to select an accent color. There is plenty of organized storage so that everything has a place. Architecturally, quite a bit was changed. The second powder room of the den was removed so the circulation between the living room, the den and the eat-in kitchen was holistic and visually connected: the dining room and the den offset one another; the den leads into the open yard, which has a rolling, rocky landscape, and the dining room views the entrance.



Renovation of House

Location Greenwich, USA
Year of Completion 2011
Photography Frank Oudeman
Design Firm De-Spec
Client Private

